

I am submitting this to voice my opposition to the proposed regulation requiring all TV Tuner manufacturers to incorporate hardware content denial systems. I believe this is a violation of all American Consumers fair use rights that allow them to make a copy of broadcasts to watch later. This would drive up the costs of purchasing any new TV equipment both for consumers and manufacturers.

Finally, I would like to point out what I feel will be the worst result of this regulation. You will instantly create a massive global black market for altered and unprotected TV hardware. You will create a new class of uber-rich criminal and will be responsible for pouring millions of dollars into overseas and US based hacked hardware vendors. This will have no effect at all on the availability of illegally recorded broadcasts, because all it takes is one person to upload a file on the internet, and it will be copied millions of times from there. All you're going to do is prevent my grandmother from recording her favorite TV shows.

This regulation will:
Drive up costs for consumers and manufactures
Deny consumers thier fair use rights
Create a global black market

In the end it will not change the face of internet piracy in any substantial way.